

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 4, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 143, 1/30/2009; HB 152,
1/30/2009; HB 259, 1/30/2009;
1/30/2009; SB 117, 1/30/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:09 Roll Call

00:01:22 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:53 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 152, Quality schools facility grant program.

EXHIBIT (aph26a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:20 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and
Program Planning

00:15:56 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce

00:22:16 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association

00:25:39 Dave Puyer, Montana Rural Education Association

00:28:30 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association-Montana
Federation of Teachers

00:31:50 Darrel Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators
of Montana

00:33:43 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:45 Joe Triem, Architecture and Engineering Division,
Department of Administration

00:35:13 Nancy Hall, Budget Office

00:35:26 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Division, Department
of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:36:05 Chairman Sesso

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:41 Rep. Morgan

00:37:02 Ms. Hall

00:37:52 Marty Tuttle, Department of Commerce

00:38:01 Rep. Morgan

00:38:23 Mr. Tuttle

00:39:34 Rep. Morgan
00:39:59 Mr. Tuttle
00:41:06 Rep. Kasten
00:41:39 Mr. Schultz
00:44:25 Rep. Kasten
00:44:30 Mr. Schultz
00:44:57 Rep. Villa
00:45:43 Rep. Hamilton
00:46:06 Ms. Hall
00:46:23 Rep. Villa
00:46:37 Ms. Hall
00:46:50 Rep. Villa
00:46:59 Ms. Hall
00:47:22 Rep. Roberts
00:47:48 Mr. Triem
00:48:20 Rep. Roberts
00:48:29 Mr. Triem
00:49:17 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:49:57 Rep. Hamilton
00:50:06 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:50:51 Ms. Hall
00:51:48 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:52:00 Ms. Hall
00:52:36 Rep. Kasten
00:53:15 Rep. Villa

EXHIBIT (aph26a02)

00:54:05 Ms. Hall
00:54:42 Rep. Nooney
00:55:43 Rep. Hamilton
00:55:47 Rep. Nooney
00:55:59 Rep. Hamilton
00:56:29 Rep. Nooney
00:56:45 Chairman Sesso
00:57:17 Mr. Ewer
01:01:32 Chairman Sesso
01:01:43 Mr. Ewer
01:02:03 Chairman Sesso
01:02:28 Roger Lloyd, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:06:52 Rep. Nooney
01:07:04 Mr. Lloyd
01:07:20 Jim Standaert, LFD
01:07:46 Chairman Sesso
01:08:10 Rep. Glaser
01:08:29 Chairman Sesso
01:09:26 Rep. Hamilton
01:10:06 Chairman Sesso
01:10:34 Mr. Tuttle
01:11:33 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:54 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:42 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on
HB 259, Income tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:49 Mike McGinley, Volunteer Firefighter, Dillon
01:19:15 Mike Dotl, President, Montana Volunteer Firefighters
Association
01:20:33 Larry Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance
01:22:18 Rep. Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:25 Rep. Henry
01:25:40 Rep. Mendenhall
01:25:59 Rep. Mehlhoff

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:55 Rep. Mendenhall

HEARING ON HB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:38 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on
HB 143, Nonprofit corporation registry.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:28 Ali Bovington, Office of Attorney General
[EXHIBIT\(aph26a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:03 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:36:48 Rep. McAlpin
01:37:51 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:40:04 Rep. McAlpin
01:40:14 Chairman Sesso
01:41:38 Rep. McAlpin
01:41:46 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:20 Rep. McAlpin

HEARING ON SB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:41 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 117, Revise or eliminate certain statutory appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:45:43 Roger Lloyd, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:05 Sen. Wanzenried

ADJOURNMENT

01:48:47 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

Letter from Governor's Office

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph26aad.pdf](#))